THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No specific reference from Government of Gujarat either regarding the present labour policy being a major hurdle in attracting Foreign Direct Investment or for making labour policy flexible has been received.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Employment to local persons in public sector projects

1782. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government regarding employment to local persons in the public sector projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are aware of the various grievances by the job seekers of various States who are not getting opportunity inspite of the factory or project being in their State;

(c) what are the functions and duties of the Central Labour Commissioner appointed in each State;

(d) had the Ministry ever inspected the State offices for effective control; and

(e) if so, when was the last such inspection carried out in Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are required to notify all the vacancies meant for recruitment to the posts carrying scales of pay, the maximum of which does not exceed Rs.2500/-per month pre-revised to the Employment Exchange. In addition to notifying the vacancies, the requisitioning authority/establishment are required to publish recruitment notice for such categories in the ''Employment News'' published by the Publication Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and then consider the case of all the candidates who have applied.

(b) Recruitment in respect of below Board level posts in CPSEs is made by the managements of respective CPSEs. As such, information on various grievances of job seekers in these units is not maintained centrally.

(c) There is no post of Central Labour Commissioner in any of the States.

(d) Ministry of Labour and Employment have designated Area Officers who inspect the State Offices including the Offices of Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) and Regional Labour Commissioner (Central) in the States.

(e) The Area Officer inspected the Office of Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Ahmedabad; Gujarat on 31.7.2007.